

Keen Insight in Hall Case Solutions Seen by Shylock

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It looks as if the \$1,000 I will pay in cash prizes for the first correct solutions of the Hall-Mills murder will be divided among many readers of The GRAPHIC who are showing in hundreds of letters I find stacked on my desk every day a surprising insight into the complexities of this mystery.

The "pig woman" has sprung her surprise and in addition to Mrs. Hall, the silent widow of the murdered rector, there have been arrested Willie Stevens, the eccentric brother of Mrs. Hall, and Henry de la Bruyere Carpenter, her cousin, a prominent Wall Street broker.

Shylock Homes Then there is another mysterious witness under arrest, a man named Willard Staub of New Brunswick, who it is alleged was also at the Phillips farm the fatal Thursday night of the double killing.

Of course the evidence of the "pig woman" will have to be corroborated and no one can guess what new surprises may be sprung today.

The recovery of the missing records from the brother of the deceased prosecutor came with startling swiftness after they had been offered to a newspaper for a consideration.

Three Can Tell

But let the prosecution proceed with its investigation. I am now interested in the contest among The GRAPHIC readers as to which one will give me the first correct solution of the crime.

Harry McDowell of 247 East 52d St., writes: "Mrs. Hall, Mills and Willie can clear the whole mystery."

J. W. Badge of Richmond Hill, L. I., writes: "Find the instrument that did the cutting."

Alfred Freeman, 48 West 125th St., writes: "Mrs. Hall was an accessory before and after the fact."

Justina Marie D'Amato, 104-37 43d Ave., Corona, writes: "Question Miss Mills and her father, and the mystery will be solved."

Says Mrs. Hall Knew

Julius Shulman of 62 Brighton Ave., Perth Amboy, N. J., writes: "Mrs. Hall knew her husband was with Mrs. Mills that night."

Katherine Flood, 88 Allen St., Jamaica, writes: "Mrs. Hall knew of the affection between the murdered couple."

L. Shook, 967 Columbus Ave., writes: "It was the work of a jealous woman."

M. A. Barshad, 565 Fifth Ave., writes: "Disappearance of shoemaker's knives from Mills home."

Mrs. Alice Janson, Allendale, N. J., writes: "Carpenter can tell a great deal."

Thomas McKeon of 318 West 121st St., writes: "In spite of everything, it will remain a mystery."

The first correct solution which comes to The GRAPHIC will win a cash prize of \$500. Other solutions which come in will be awarded prizes ranging downward to \$250, \$100, \$50 and \$10 until the \$1,000 is exhausted. Every letter that comes in will be stamped according to the date and the hour that I have received it.

Write your solution in not more than 500 words. The solution will be based not only on my theory but on the findings of the court when those who are about to be arrested or who have already been taken into custody are tried.

Read Theories

After you have sent in your solution, which will be properly marked according to the hour and date it was received, read the various theories advanced by those investigating the case, as reported in The GRAPHIC. As the case shapes up, you are at liberty to write your opinion as to what theory, as ad-

vanced by the authorities, is correct. This must be done before October 2. This will have no bearing on the solution you have previously sent in. Follow the Hall-Mills mystery development every day in The GRAPHIC.

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TRACE HALL ANCESTRY TO REVOLUTIONARY HERO

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was commissioned captain in the artillery regiment raised by the Colony of Massachusetts, January 1, 1776.

In March, 1776, he marched to Quebec with two companies of which he was in command. Promoted to brevet major, November 9, 1776, he was in command of the artillery service of the northern army at Ticonderoga, Stillwater, Saratoga and other places.

Many Promotions

For his services during this period he was especially commended by Adj. Gen. Wilkinson, Gen. Knox, Gates, Schuyler and others. His efficiency contributed abundantly to the successes of the Continental Army, especially the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777.

"As senior officer of artillery in the Northern Department," says R. S. Guernsey in his "New York and Vicinity During the War of 1812," "he directed the military operations in the encounters at Stillwater, Bemis Heights and elsewhere, which led to the surrender in October, 1777, and was present at that event."

In Trumbull's famous painting in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington, of the surrender of Burgoyne, Colonel Stevens is a prominent figure, leaning on a cannon, and in the painting of the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, by the same artist, Col. Stevens, field officer of the day, is mounted at the head of an artillery regiment.

April 30, 1778, Congress made him brevet lieutenant colonel of foot of the Northern Department. In November, 1778, he became lieutenant and colonel of artillery.

In the spring of 1781, as chief of artillery under Lafayette, Ebenezer

Stevens went on the expedition to Virginia that culminated in the defeat of Cornwallis. He was stationed at West Point in 1782, and when the British evacuated New York he was with the troops who first entered the city, which, from that time, he made his headquarters.

As agent of the War Department in 1800, he had charge of the fortifications on Governors Island.

In tomorrow's installment of the story of Mrs. Hall's ancestry further facts will be given concerning Lieut. Col. Ebenezer Stevens, great-grandfather of Mrs. Hall, and showing how he rose to one of the highest positions held by any military man of his time.

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